

## Regional News

# Announcing

## K mart Corporation's Children's Christmas Card Contest

Open to children or grandchildren, 12 years or younger, of current K mart employees.

Prizes— \$50 first prize, \$40 second prize, \$30 third prize.

Rules— One entry per child. All cards must be drawn on white paper or pressed cardboard and measure at least 3" x 6", but no larger than 11" x 14". Tools to use are pencil, pen, marker or crayon. All entries must have parent's/grandparent's name, position, and location printed on the back of the card.

Deadline— November 1, 1983

Picasso once said that we should not teach children to draw—we should learn from them.

Every child has an inborn need to draw. It is a mode of expression or release of their thoughts. And what better time to see these thoughts on paper than during the holidays.

Holidays are often peak experiences for children and can provide the motivation necessary to portray these experiences in art form.

Remember—the deadline is November 1. This will give you plenty of time to find out if the school will be having projects such as this or if you plan to have your child draw at home.

Submit entries to K mart Corporation News Office, 3100 West Big Beaver, Troy, MI 48064, Attn: Virginia Burns.

P.S. When mailing entries, place them between two pieces of cardboard so as to prevent damage enroute to headquarters.

P.S.S. A local photographer has just completed choosing the 1983 Photo Contest Winners. These winners will be notified by mail and will be featured in the October issue. So look for it.

"Remember, the good drawing is one in which the child puts something of himself. It is an honest original idea of his own."

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Louis F. Hoover, *Art Activities for the Very Young*—from 3 to 8 Years. Worcester, Mass.: Davis Publications, 1967.



Tom Budzich, assistant manager K mart 8706, Madison, Ohio, with local author June Lund Shiplett.

## Local Author's Books Read Well, Sell Fast

It may have taken a local author ten years to complete her first book, but when she visited K mart 9705, Madison, Ohio recently, she proved that spending all of those years on one book paid off.

June Lund Shiplett now has authored eight books which number over 1.6 million in print. K mart 9705 carries two of those books and has a hard time keeping them in stock. They hope to carry all eight soon.

During her visit, June spent some time with the employees.

Robin Scott, area merchandiser, says, "June's a real friendly lady. She's very down-to-earth. She autographed one of her books for me. I read it and it's really a good book."

June began her career as a novelist in 1965. Her first book, *Journey to Yesterday*, which took ten years to write, wasn't published until three years after its completion. June rewrote the book six times before she felt it was right.

Before that book was published, the first book of her Wind Series, *Raging Winds of Heaven*, was published in 1978. Soon after in 1979, *Journey to Yesterday* was in print.

Things moved quicker after that. Since 1979, June has had six books published. Currently, she is working on the 21st chapter of her ninth book.

June's books take her on tour about twice a year. Her husband, Charles, a local HIR truck operator, is her strongest supporter and is always with her when she travels around the U.S.

Part of her travels include giving workshops on creative writing and holding autograph sessions. She recently held a workshop at the Cuyahoga Writers Conference. She also spoke to the Mentor Rotary Club, which was her first all-male audience. She says that since her books are historical by nature with a touch of romance, they have quite an appeal to male readers.

In fact, she recently received a fan letter from a colonel in the Army.

June's warm and friendly attitude have brought her a multitude of author friends including Rebecca Brandywine, Cynthia Wright, Janet Daily and Jennifer Wilde, who is better known to friends as Tom Hough.

"There are a lot of men writing under a woman's name due to the fact that readers generally accept a female author," June says.

Many books these days are made into movies and June's is no exception. "June is currently working with a publicist on making a movie for television out of her book *Journey to Yesterday*, Robin says.

Shopping at K mart is something June looks forward to, especially because of the book department.

"I think Mr. Budzich (assistant manager) does a fabulous job in the book department, which looks fantastic," she says.

## March of Dimes Walk-a-thon

They walked 12.4 miles for the Tennessie March of Dimes recently and raised \$293 for the cause. Some had blisters while others went dancing that evening.

Seven employees from K mart 4234, Spartanburg, South Carolina, volunteered to walk to raise money for the March of Dimes and all but two went to work the same day.

Those who walked are: Janet Kelly, electric; Elizabeth Wolbrecht, apparel; Gail Surratt, apparel; Jackie Edmonson, merchandise employee; Becky Eploe, office cashier; Rhonda Belman, office cashier; Robbie Tongan, stockperson.

Janet Kelly said this was her first walk and she had such a great time that she can't wait for next year. "I had a tremendous time, but I was so incredibly sore for the next few days. Elizabeth and I are the only ones who didn't have to work that same day. We all got some much needed exercise and the weather was perfect. We walked at a good pace and did it in about three hours. We averaged walking about four miles per hour."

Elizabeth Wolbrecht was another first at a walk-a-thon, but has a sports background, which helped her get through without much pain. "I didn't do any walking beforehand, but I used to play soccer, and jog a lot. I jogged the last mile in. The more you walk, the better you get. You can get a high off of walking. I got faster instead of slower, the more I walk," Elizabeth explained.

Becky Eploe was the brave one of the group and decided to go dancing that evening. "I was exhausted after the walk and I had to come into work at 12:30 p.m. and work until 9:30 p.m.," Becky says. "But then after work I went out dancing!"

Store manager R.E. Blanchard is an avid jogger. In fact, the day of the walk, he was jogging in a race and after his race he met up with the group to walk the last quarter mile with them as they completed the race.